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SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/REDWOOD/AEQUOR  
          SPECIFIC Soviet Capture of AEQUOR Team II  
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HEADQUARTERS' ACTION REQUIRED: See Paragraphs 3 and 4, below.

1. Transmitted under separate cover are reproductions of the articles entitled "Coordinates B-52" appearing in the 19-31 December 1956 issues of the Komsomolskaya Pravda concerning the capture by Soviet security forces of the four AEQUOR Team II members.

2. After studying and analyzing the aforementioned articles, the following conclusions can be drawn:

a. There remains no doubt that the Soviet security forces have apprehended the agents in question. Judging by the true names mentioned, the operational pseudonyms, the location of the training site, the true names of the AECAMBISTA-1 members involved, the contents of the W/T messages, the salary and insurance commitments, etc., the Soviets are in fact speaking about AECAMPOSANTOs 4, 6, 8 and 9.

b. Based on the statements made in the articles, it would appear that AECAMPOSANTO-9 betrayed the remaining team members to the Soviet security forces. The articles draw heavily on AECAMPOSANTO-9's knowledge and acquaintance of the AECAMBISTA-1 modus operandi of recruiting REDSK candidates in the United Kingdom; however, no mention is made concerning the manner in which the REDSK candidates were processed through the AECAMBISTA-1 center in Louvain, Belgium, which information was known to AECAMPOSANTOs 6 and 8 (and 4). Because the latter information is even more compromising than that information supplied by AECAMPOSANTO-9 re England, it is felt that the Soviet security forces either failed to capture AECAMPOSANTOs 6 and 8 alive, or have not succeeded in breaking them.

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c. The Soviet passport furnished by us to AECAMPOSANTO-9, which is reproduced in the articles, bears the issue date of 31 May 1954. Because the AEQUOR team was dispatched in the fall of 1952, it is felt that the Soviet security forces falsified the document (which otherwise would appear to be that issued by KUBARK) in order to make the operation appear more current. (NOTE: Photographs of the documents issued to the team are not on file in MOB.)

d. Judging by the photographs of the supplies issued to the team, it would appear that the team was captured shortly after its dispatch since otherwise it can be assumed that certain items would have been used up, discarded, lost, etc. (NOTE: The photographs appearing in the articles should be compared with photographs, on file at Headquarters, of those items and supplies issued to the team members.)

e. Except for changing the names of several individuals who were introduced into the AEQUOR team complex, the Soviet articles can be considered to be relatively accurate. Many items, however, appear to have been omitted purely for journalistic and propaganda reasons; these omissions, nevertheless, do not detract from the accuracy of printed articles.

3. Inasmuch as the articles cite the names of AECAMBISTA-2, 4, and 5 and other well-known AECAMBISTA-1 emigre leaders as being closely associated with the recruitment, training and dispatch of the four captured agents, the AECAMBISTA-1 organization feels obliged to make some explanation in their publication. Because all four of the captured agents are known to have been adherents of AECAMBISTA-4 and are personally associated to him, both the political adherents and opponents of the AECAMBISTA-1 organization can justifiably accuse AECAMBISTA-4 of bartering AECAMBISTA-1 members in exchange for American dollars (the salary and insurance commitments cited in the Soviet articles). In view of this if an explanatory article were printed in the AECAMBISTA-1 publication, AECAMBISTA-4, together with others accused by the Soviets, could refuse to comment pointing out that the answer has appeared in the publication. The aforementioned has been discussed in some detail with AECAMBISTA-11 who feels that the onus should be in some way removed from AECAMBISTA-4 at least by printing the explanatory article. Headquarters advice is solicited in handling this matter.

4. In view of the above developments, Headquarters advice is further requested concerning the disposal of the AECAMPOSANTO-6, 8 and 9 holding

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accounts in the sum of \$19,781.71 (\$6,160.04, \$6,388.47 and \$7,233.20, respectively). Also please indicate Headquarters' thoughts relative to the \$10,000 insurance commitment made to the aforementioned agents payable to the AECAMBISTA-1 organization.

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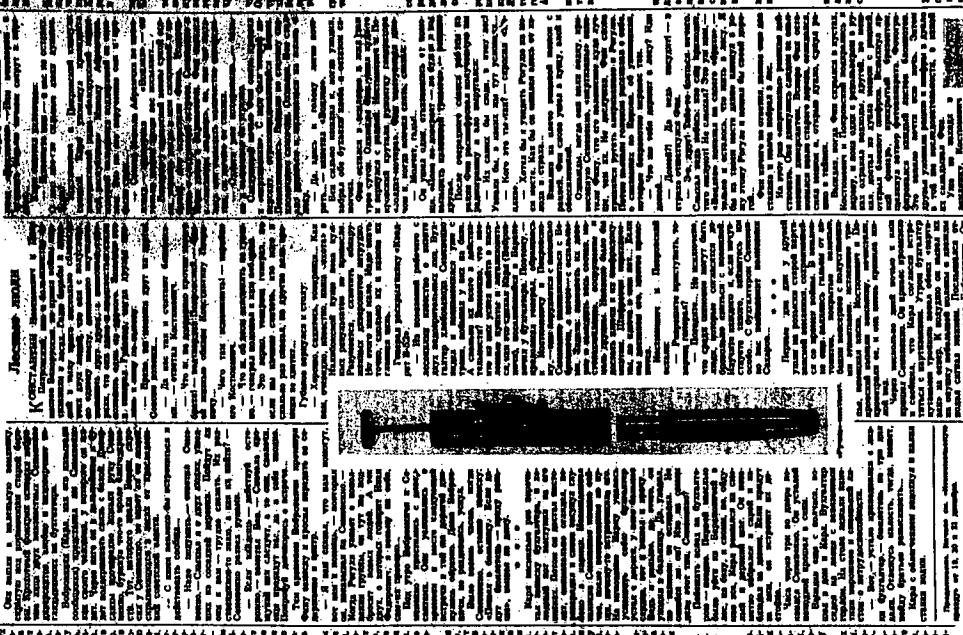
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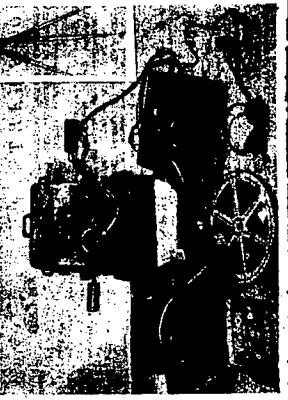




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